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Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application are:

- 1) Amendment to Office Action dated August 4, 2003
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FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

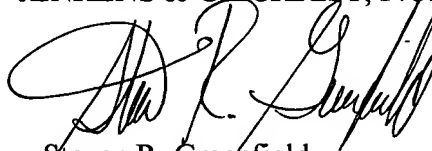
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1. TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u> (at least 20)	= (at least 0)	x9 = <u>OR</u>	x18 =	\$ <u> </u>
2. INDEP. CLAIMS	<u>1</u>	3		x9 = <u>OR</u>	x84 =	\$ <u> </u>

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